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PRODUCTION OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of largest fruit and vegetable producing country;

(b) India`s place in regard to production of fruit and vegetable at present in the world;

(c) whether a large quantity of fruit and vegetable get perished due to non- availability of storage facilities and packaging material in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of countries to whom India is exporting fruit and vegetable alongwith average annual production in India and percentage of exports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): As per FAO Yearbook, 1998, China is the largest fruit and vegetable producing country in the world.

(b): India is the 2nd largest producer of fruits and vegetables after China in the world.

(c) & (d): An average loss of about 25% has been assessed though the range varies between 8% to 37% in various crops during post harvest management including storage facilities and packaging material in fruits and vegetables.

(e): India is exporting fruit and vegetable in about 119 countries during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98. The annual average production of fruits and vegetables during 1996-97 to 1998-99 was 42.48 million tonnes and 78.01 million tonnes respectively. The percentage of exports of fruits and vegetables was 0.37 and 0.58 per cent during the above period.